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The argument is clear. Was the consumer hurt by Microsoft bundling the browser with the operating system? The answer is no. The Netscape argument is it could not compete because the consumer did not have a choice. Netscapes claim is Microsoft circumvented the consumers decision to choose. Software is ubiquitous in that anyone can design develop and sell it. Microsoft did not prevent Netscape from designing developing and selling its browser. Netscape gave up trying to make a better browser and at that point the consumer did choose they choose to use Microsofts browser. The fact is Netscapes success depended on Microsoft selling more copies of Windows and therefore Netscape could have sold more copies of its browser.